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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We have been with Sonic, a home grown carrier (phone and DSL) since it's inception and now we have fiber with them.

AT&T and their trade association, USTelecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city backhaul; the very technology that allowed Sonic to grow, expand fiber deployment, backhaul those deployments, and compete.

Without access to this infrastructure, Sonic is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of their customer base (and us) leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

We cannot lose Sonic to the big uncaring, out for profit only companies. The smaller firms are there for us 24/7, answering phones, and giving us the best customer service at a competitive rate. Since my husband and I are both professionals, we rely on broadband to be able to do our work, fast efficiently and cost effectively.

WE SUPPORT BROADBAND COMPETITION.

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